

This letter is to insist upon a very simple notion.

Diversity is the key to prosperity and democracy. Allowing too few corporations to own too many media outlets weakens our democracy.

You may not in my name, and not in my country, sirs, let more stations be owned by the same profit-worshipping cutthroats and scoundrels.

You MUST NOT amend the constitution, or allow laws that benefit corporations before the masses of people who make up this great country.

What you MUST DO in the name of all free people, is take steps BACK to what things were like before the Telecommunications Act of 1996. That was when the trouble Reagan started really began to get embarrassing and infuriating.

I read as many foreign news sources as I can because America no longer offers truly unbiased news. 99% of the news here, on the web, in print, or on the TV, is worthless because it's saturated with fear-based advertising and slanted to whomever the corporation owes the political favors to. It pretends to be transparent, but it is insulting, and overall, embarrassing.

Please, in the name of all that which is true and right, do not let corporations own MORE stations in the same market! LIMIT them from doing so and FORCE THEM TO GIVE UP more than 2, as many today own at least 3 in any given market. Orwellian information control, anyone?

Please show us that profit-worship hasn't tainted the guardian of our airwaves. Please show us the FCC still defends the right of the common man to our airwaves, not ONLY the wealthy one!

I'm still waiting for LPFM community-based radio. Get your act together, I'm a eager young broadcaster with community-based goals and connections. Activate local level signals and steps in the right direction will be made by the people you proclaim to defend.

If this current round of consolidation is allowed to proceed, you will have shown us you work AGAINST the people, and not for them. Let's work together to decrease the effect corporate lobbyists can have on our airwaves.

After all, these airwaves BELONG TO US...they are LEASED by corporations. Where is that money? On an altar worshipped by fools. Please show me that the FCC isn't right there next to the corporate scoundrels. Please?

Sincerely from the desk of a proud American,
yearning for change that's years overdue...
-ds holmstrom